

BOARD OF HEALTH
TOWN HALL
334 MAIN STREET
THURSDAY, JUNE 7, 2012
7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: **RONALD MAJDALANY, CHAIRMAN**
CLAUDIA RYAN

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

RE-ORGANIZATION:

Ms. Ryan nominated Dr. Majdalany as Chairman
The nomination was accepted by Dr. Majdalany.

Dr. Majdalany nominated Ms. Ryan as Vice Chairman
The nomination was accepted by Ms. Ryan.

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A. **Minutes of the April 5, 2012 Meeting.**

MOTION: Ms. Ryan to approve.

SECOND: Dr. Majdalany (Stepped down as Chairman)

VOTE: 2-0

2. **HEALTH AGENT REPORT:**

Mark advised that there was a sanitary issue as well as an animal control situation at 9 Ramsdell Road. He advised that the VNA contacted him regarding the sanitary issue. 17 Dogs were removed. The owners were allowed to keep three dogs. There were three inspections and the property was cleaned up.

Mark advised that Locke returned to work in May.

3. **OLD BUSINESS:**

A. **Youth Access Tobacco Regulations update:** Mark advised he went to a meeting in regard to the Youth Access Tobacco Regulations and also met with James Wiliusz of Tri-Town. The regulations are being reviewed now and he will come back and present some updates within the next month or two. The regulations will be the same ones that Tri-Town is adopting.

B. **24 Locust Hill update:** Mark advised at the April 5, meeting the board indicated that a perc test should be done because of an expansion of the residence. The perc was done, the system was inspected and everything was fine. The current system is working well but if that system were to fail because of the expansion then a new perc test would be done for a new system. A building permit was issued and the file has been closed.

4. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. **Healthy Dining Resolution:** Mark said this is a Tri-Town Grant. This is a Mass in Motion grant that we signed on to last year and received. The Healthy Dining resolution is to get restaurants to offer healthier options. Part of the grant was walk ability studies to make our downtowns more walkable. Sidewalk planning is being done now in Houatonic. There are 4 or 5 restaurants who have signed on. There has to be a certain percentage of healthy dining options on the menu and portion sizes will be adjusted. Restaurants will be supplied with an emblem noting "Be Well Berkshires" to put on their door and advertising will be done for participating restaurants.

Green river update/closure: Mark said the Green River was retested on Wednesday. The water was very clear. If two failures are received, some additional testing will be done. The e-coli count last week was 380 and the water was cloudy when the test was done. Mark advised he was waiting for an e-mail from the lab. The state has been notified of the closure.

VNA Contract for FY 13 – Mark said the contract was received but he has asked Mr. O'Donnell not to sign it because he is working with the Berkshire Public Health Alliance on a contract which would be in place of the VNA contract. A contract has to be in place by July 1. The Alliance has said they will have a contract to us that meets or exceeds the VNA contract. If we don't receive anything good from the Alliance he will have Mr. O'Donnell sign the VNA Contract. The Alliance has hired two part time nurses so that we can actually control programs being offered.

Mark said there were no issues with the Board of Health budget at Town Meeting.

The next meeting will be July 5, 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carolyn Wichmann
Secretary